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THE
Behaviour, last Words, Non-Confession,
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EXECUTION
OF
Richard Langhorne,
Counſellor at Law,
For HIGH-TREASON,
AT
TYBURN,
On *Monday* the 14th of *July*, 1679.

MR. Langhorne received his Tryal on *Friday* the 13th of *June*; and being Convicted, had Sentence of death paſſ'd upon him, together with Father *Whitebread* and the other four Jeſuits ſince Executed on the 20th of the ſame month; but he alledging multiplicity of other perſons Concerns that lay in his hands, did deſire and obtained a reſpite of Execution, that he might have time to ſettle thoſe Affairs. There was good hopes he might have made an ingenuous Diſcovery of this damnable Plot, being without doubt as able to do it as moſt concern'd therein, ſince as he had many years been the general Conveyancer for ſettling Papifts Eſtates, who contrive them ſo perplexedly, and with ſuch ſubtilty, that 'tis almoſt impoſſible to finde out where, or in whom

whom the Propriety is vested ; which is purposely done, to avoid the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by Law for their Recusancy : So in particular he was a Trustee, and manag'd Affairs for the Jesuits ; of which Society he was too great an Admirer , and so far influenced by them , as brought him to this Untimely End. He pretended to declare what he knew concerning Estates by them purchased in *England*, but with what sincerity may easily be imagined.

As to the Crimes proved upon him , they were Treasons of the blackest die ; that he was so far interested in this horrid Plot, as to be designed Advocate-General of their Army ; and in the mean time intrusted with Registring all their Consults and Orders, and keeping their Commissions who were to have Commands. His Hellish zeal was notorious, in that cursed expression, when *Wakeman* refused to accept of 10000*l.* to poison our Sacred Sovereign, as being too little a Sum ; this Gentleman said, He was a pitiful Narrow-soul'd Physitian, to stand upon Money in such a case, which any good Catholick would , or ought to do gratis. But the exact Account of his Tryal is abroad in Print ; and thereunto we refer the Reader for satisfaction, as to what was proved against him.

He had abundance of people came to visit him in *Newgate*, during the time of his Reprieve , and seem'd to have been not a little desirous to live ; but his Party did so continually ply him with Lectures of perseverance, and the goodness of the Cause for which he was to suffer, how much he would merit by concealing, and how damnable a thing it would be for him to scandalize the Church by making any Discovery, that at last he was prevailed with to stand it out like the rest in obstinate denials, and making big protestations of innocency. Nay, that he might be sure not to confess his horrid Treasons, and give glory to God before he went out of the world , there was a Declaration, (as they call'd it) or Solemn Protest beforehand, publisht in his name, utterly denying his Crimes, and (as it were) directing him what he should say when he came to the place of Execution : so active and industrious are these Ghostly

ly Traitors, to hide that which God will have revealed, to stifle all noise of this their detestable PLOT; as if impudent denials, and thread-bare pretences of being *as innocent as the Child unborn*, could make us disbelieve our Senses, and never think such harmless Lambs as *Roman-Catholicks* guilty of any Ill-meaning to us, till actually we find their hands embrew'd in our Blood, and our Throats cut by their cruelties; as within our memory hapned in *Ireland*, and before that at *Paris*, and many other places.

He was certainly a man of good natural parts; and had he not been bewitcht by that pestilent Society which disturbs all Christendom, might have been a good Subject. But they had got such an influence over him, that they led him to do what they list: his Sons were bred amongst them in *Spain*, that they might betimes be tinctur'd with Traiterous Principles; and one of them is now in *Newgate* on the account of the PLOT.

As Mr. *Langhorn* was naturally a person of a Melancholy Temper, and a sober discreet Behaviour; so he deported himself, both during his Confinement, and in his passage to Execution, with a great deal of gravity, often lifting up his hands and eyes, and seeming to pronounce to himself certain Prayers and Ejaculations.

He went from *Newgate* about half an hour after Nine, drawn in a Sled with four horses, and a Boy riding on the foremost as a Postilion. He was in a decent Black Suit, a modest Perriwig, and plain Band.

Being come to *Tyburn*, according to the Jesuits Directory, and usual form of his Brethren, he resolutely deni'd the Fact he died for; pretended a great deal of Loyalty; not forgetting to be as innocent as the unborn Babe; desired God to forgive his Enemies, and several discourses to that purpose.

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His Prayers were chiefly private, or with a very low voice, so that they could not well be heard by the people at a distance: but those that stood near, related, That they were in Latine; whence they were supposed to be *Pater Nosters* and *Ave's*.

Thus suffer'd this unhappy man, hurried on to his own Ruine, and rather chusing to cast away his Life, and venture his Soul, for the Airy conceit of being enroll'd one of *Rome's* Martyrs, than to preserve both by an honest Christian Acknowledgement of his vile Traiterous Practices, and discovery of his Accomplices therein.

He was suffered to hang till he was quite dead, and then cut down and quartered according to the Sentence; but his Body was begg'd, so as not to be expos'd on the City-gates, but carried away by his Friends in order to a private Interment.

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